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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Fuerstenwalde

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REMARKS

25X1 1. On 29 January 1952, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V
25X1 33), quartered from 600 to 800 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets
25X1 with tank insignia. A unit of 40 soldiers was seen falling in on the barracks
25X1 yard for an inspection of submachine guns on 25 January, while another unit of
25X1 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from
25X1 the installation toward the training field at the Neuendorfer railroad station.
[] Between 26 and 29 January,
units of up to 40 men carrying submachine guns and practice targets were seen
marching between the installation and the target range. []

2. On 29 January, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden was occupied
by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and
black-bordered red epaulets. Several 37-mm AA guns were seen in the gun sheds.
25X1 Troops drilled with heavy AA guns of about 85-mm and practiced driving with 9
25X1 sidecar motorcycles at the landing field. The sidecar motorcycles were subsequent-
ly seen leaving toward the Pionier Kaserne. Three T-34/85 tanks were seen in the
training area at the Neuendorf railroad station on 21 January, apparently
operated by student drivers. []

3. On 18 January, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden was occupied
by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery
25X1 insignia. A total of about 300 troops, who seemed to be almost exclusively
25X1 recruits, were engaged in close-order drill at squad level and physical
activities. []

25X1 * [] Comment. The information contained in paragraph 2 confirms to some
25X1 extent the previous assumption that the 5th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz
Div is stationed in the Pionier Kaserne. [] In other
respects, the present report shows no discernible changes over the reference
report.

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